

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 28, and continuing to page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the present invention, an information retrieval apparatus ~~being~~ is provided with a data monitoring and content judging means for monitoring a sentence retrieved from a database and inferring a field which the said sentence belongs to, and retrieval screen generating means for generating a retrieval screen for allowing a user to perform a retrieval operation taking the inferred field as an object of retrieval and outputting the retrieval screen as data to be displayed together with said retrieved sentence.